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SUBJECT: BOMBAY REACTION TO CHARAN SINGH OUSTER

1. MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN BOMBAY VIEW THE CHARAN SINGH
AND RAJ NARAIN REMOVALS FROM THE UNION CABINET IN MUCH THE
SAME WAY AS THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER PARTS OF INDIA. THEY
SEE THESE OUSTERS AS AN INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE ATTACK
ON THE PARTY ORGANIZATION (AND THE PM) CONCEIVED AND LED BY
THESE TWO DISSIDENTS. MOST OBSERVERS HERE DO NOT SEE CHARAN'S
DEPARTURE AS DOING FUNDAMENTAL DAMAGE TO THE JANATA PARTY AND
MANY BELIEVE THAT THE PM'S STATURE AS A LEADER HAS BEEN EN-
HANCED, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN, BECAUSE OF HIS FIRM AND
DECISIVE HANDLING OF THIS AFFAIR. THEY ALSO SEE POSSIBLE IM-
PROVEMENT IN JANATA'S IMAGE AMONG THE HARIJANS IN THE HINDI
BELT AS A RESULT OF CHARAN SINGH'S DEPARTURE AND JAGJIVAN RAM'S
CONSEQUENT ELEVATION IN THE JANATA SET UP. JANATA'S PRO-
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KULAK RIGHTIST IMAGE ALSO WILL FADE AWAY.

2. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE A TENDENCY FOR
THE PARTY LEADERSHIP TO CLOSE RANKS TO GUARD AGAINST FURTHER
DESTABLIZATION. ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON THE JANATA-CONTROLLED
STATE GOVERNMENTS IN BIHAR AND UTTAR PRADESH. IF COALITIONS
OF THE FORMER BLD/JS ELEMENTS CAN HOLD THERE THE EROISIVE

EFFECTS OF THE DIFFIDENT MOVEMENT WILL HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY CHECKED. SOME SEE VAJPAYEE/JANA SANGH EMERGING AS A BALANCING FACTOR FOLLOWING CHARAN SINGH'S DEPARTURE.

3. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A SURPRISING NUMBER OF KEEN OBSERVERS WHO DO NOT SHARE THIS OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF JANATA'S FUTURE. THIS SCHOOL OF THOUGHT SEES THIS CLEAVAGE AT THE TOP AS THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS THAT MAY WELL BRING MORARJI DESAI'S GOVERNMENT DOWN. THEY NOTE THAT JANATA HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT COHESION TO MOUNT AND CARRY OUT ANY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE IN ITS FIRST FIFTEEN MONTHS OF OFFICE. THEY FEEL THAT CHARAN'S DEPARTURE WILL UNLEASH FORCES THAT WILL SHAKE THE PARTY TO ITS FOUNDATIONS. THEY SEE JAGJIVAN RAM'S REFUSAL TO TAKE THE HOME PORTFOLIO AS A FENCE-SITTING EXERCISE DESIGNED TO GIVE THIS POTENT LEADER OF JANATA'S LEFT WING TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF CHARAN SINGH'S DEPARTURE. MANY FORESEE MORARJI'S TROUBLES COMPLICATED BY A SERIES OF REVELATIONS ABOUT HIS SON KANTIBHAI'S WRONG DOINGS. THE ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY'S ARTICLE "JANATA'S FADING GLORY" REFLECTS MANY OF THE DOUBTS ABOUT JANATA'S FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: CONGEN EMPHASIZES THAT THE MAJORITY VIEW IS BY FAR PREDOMINANT. FEW PEOPLE SEE MORARJI BEING TOPPLED IN NEAR FUTURE. THE THREAT FROM INDIRA IS ALL TOO REAL AND THE ATTRACTIONS OF POWER TOO PERVASIVE TO PERMIT MUCH POLITICAL ADVENTURISM IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. COURTNEY UNQUOTE
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